LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

        a processor; and

        at least one memory including executable instructions, the at least one memory and the executable instructions being configured to, in cooperation with the at least one processor, cause the device to perform at least the following:

        receive a request for access to a menu from a user;

        compile the requested menu, said menu including a list of menu options associated with currently active applications and inactive applications;

        determine whether each application associated with a menu option is currently active;

        add a flag to each menu option associated with a currently active application;

        display the list of menu options, ~~and a focus region having a movable position~~ wherein each of the menu options without flags is displayed with a first icon identifying the associated application and each of the menu options with flags is displayed with a second icon comprising the first icon and further including an indicator displayed adjacent to the first icon representing that the associated application is currently active;

        ~~select one of said menu options by moving the position of the focus region to the same location as the menu option;~~

        ~~present a non-textual status indication and an audible alert for only the selected menu option based on whether the selected menu option is flagged; and~~

        provide access to an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

2-4.   (Canceled).

5.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 4 <u>1</u>, wherein ~~the status is~~ <u>currently active applications are</u> indicated by the animation of the ~~icon~~ <u>indicator</u>.

6.   (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 4 1, wherein the status is currently active applications are indicated by the color properties of the icon indicator.

7-8.   (Canceled).

9.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, further comprising a user interface, wherein the user interface comprises a display and a keypad.

10.   (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, further configured to allow multitasking of applications.

11.   (Previously Presented) A handheld telecommunications device according to claim 1.

12.   (Previously Presented) A personal digital assistant device according to claim 1.

13.   (Previously Presented) A personal computer device according to claim 1.

14.   (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

        receiving a request for access to a menu from a user;

        compiling the requested menu, said menu including a list of menu options associated with active applications and inactive applications;

        determining whether an application associated with a menu option is currently active;

        adding a flag to each menu option associated with a currently active application;

        displaying the list of menu options, and a focus region having a movable position wherein each of the menu options without flags is displayed with a first icon identifying the associated application and each of the menu options with flags is displayed with a second icon comprising the first icon and further including an indicator displayed adjacent to the first icon representing that the associated application is currently active;

        selecting one of said menu options by moving the position of the focus region to the same location as the menu option;

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~~presenting a non-textual status indication and an audible alert for only the selected~~ ~~menu option based on whether the selected menu option is flagged;~~ and

providing access to an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

15.   (Previously Presented) A computer program product comprising computer executable program code recorded on a non-transitory computer readable storage medium, the computer executable program code, which when executed by a computer, causes said computer to perform the method of claim 14.

16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a user interface configured to display a menu in response to a request therefor, wherein said menu includes a list of menu options associated with currently active applications and inactive applications, ~~wherein selection of a particular menu option by~~ ~~moving a focus area to the same location as the particular menu option includes a non-~~ ~~textual indication and an audible alert for only the particular menu option that indicates~~ ~~whether an application corresponding to the particular menu option is currently active or~~ ~~inactive,~~ wherein each of the menu options associated with an inactive application is displayed with a first icon identifying the associated application and each of the menu options associated with a currently active application is displayed with a second icon comprising the first icon and further including an indicator displayed adjacent to the first icon representing that the associated application is currently active, the user interface being further configured to provide access to selected menu options and to display data from an application associated with a selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

18.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 17, wherein ~~the presentation of~~ ~~the selected menu option includes an icon corresponding to the~~ currently active

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applications and the ~~status is~~ are indicated by one of animation of the ~~icon~~ indicator and color properties of the ~~icon~~ indicator.

19-23. (Canceled).

24.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~23~~ 17, wherein ~~the status is~~ currently active applications are indicated by the animation of the ~~icon~~ indicator.

25.   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~23~~ 17, wherein ~~the status is~~ currently active applications are indicated by the color properties of the ~~icon~~ indicator.

26-27. (Canceled).

28.   (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

        means for receiving a request for access to a menu from a user;

        means for compiling the requested menu, said menu including a list of menu options associated with active applications and inactive applications;

        means for determining whether an application associated with a menu option is currently active;

        means for adding a flag to each menu option associated with a currently active application;

        means for displaying the list of menu options, ~~and a focus region having a movable position,~~ wherein each of the menu options without flags is displayed with a first icon identifying the associated application and each of the menu options with flags is displayed with a second icon comprising the first icon and further including an indicator displayed adjacent to the first icon representing that the associated application is currently active;

        ~~means for selecting one of said menu options by moving the position of the focus region to the same location as the menu option;~~

        ~~means for presenting a non-textual status indication and an audible alert for only the selected menu option based on whether the selected menu option is flagged; and~~

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means for providing access to an application associated with the selected menu option, whether said application is active or inactive when selected.

29.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the apparatus is at least one of a personal computer, a handheld telecommunications device and a personal digital assistant.